

Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission Meeting of December 20, 2013 Minutes Open Session

Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center
16 Reactor Road 8:00 A.M.
Narragansett, RI 02882

Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission:

Dr. Clinton Chichester, Chairman
Dr. Stephen Mecca, Commissioner
Dr. Bahram Nassersharif, Commissioner & Vice Chairman
Dr. Yana Reshetnyak, Commissioner
Ms. Jennifer Sternick, Commission Legal Counsel

Absent:

Dr. Nancy Breen, Commissioner

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Dr. Cameron Goodwin

Others:

Mr. David Johnson
Mr. Tim Faulkner, EcoRI News

Called to order at 8:12 AM.

Motion made by Dr. Mecca and Seconded by Dr. Nassersharif to pass the Minutes of September 20. The motion passed unanimously by the four commissioners present.

Motion made by Dr. Nassersharif and seconded by Dr. Mecca to move the agenda item on election of secretary to later in the meeting before going into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Chichester introduced the changes in the bylaws introduced at the previous meeting. Dr. Mecca made motion to pass the bylaw changes and it was seconded by Dr. Reshetnyak. The motion passed unanimously.

Director Goodwin reported on the status of landscaping and paving improvements with RICAP funding. Dr. Goodwin also described security improvements that will be funded by DOE. A number of other improvements are also being planned. RINSC is working with RI STEM program to meet new science requirements. NRC inspection pointed out the RSO qualifications issue as an item that will need to be followed up in the future. Update on hiring: two positions are currently open, Reactor Supervisor, and RSO position. Applications are arriving for those positions. Deadlines are January 10 and 17, respectively.

Dr. Reshetnyak discussed plans by the Department of Physics to use the reactor.

Dr. Chichester asked Dr. Nassersharif to introduce the topic of reactor utilization. Dr. Nassersharif discussed the need to prioritize the reactor usage. Discussion ensued about current procedures and possible modifications to the future procedures to improve scheduling of classes and research use. Dr. Goodwin has established policies for charging commercial users in accordance with RIAEC policies.

Dr. Chichester asked Dr. Goodwin to develop some policies for user prioritization and present at the next meeting of RIAEC.

Commissioners discussed possible times for future meeting. Dr. Goodwin will ask Sophia to send out a meeting request via doodle.

Dr. Mecca moved to go into closed session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and pending investigative proceedings involving the former Assistant Director for Radiation and Reactor Safety.. Dr. Nassersharif seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Mecca and seconded by Dr. Reshetnyak. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bahram Nassersharif
Commissioner & Vice Chairman